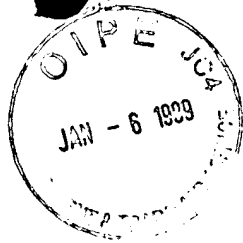


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Each of the listed documents was recently cited in a European Search Report of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Search Report was issued on November 25, 1998. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. The

documents cited in the Search Report may be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

It is hereby stated that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date hereof.

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No fee is believed due; however, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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